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## **SOUTH CAROLINA VALUE OF POULTRY PRODUCTION UP FROM 2011**

The value of **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler, egg and turkey production plus sales from chickens in 2012 was \$1.24 billion, up 9 percent from the 2011 value of \$1.14 billion, according to USDA - NASS, South Carolina Field Office.

The value of **broilers** produced during 2012 was \$768.7 million, up 9 percent from the \$707.5 million in 2011. The total number of broilers produced in 2012 was 222.8 million, down less than 1 percent from the 223.4 million in 2011. Value of **egg** production in 2012 was \$109.4 million, up 8 percent from \$101.6 million in 2011. In 2012, eggs averaged 1.16 dollars per dozen compared to 1.06 cents in 2011. The value of **turkeys** produced in 2012 was \$359.1 million, up 10 percent from \$327.8 million in 2011. Turkey production totaled 498.0 million pounds in 2012, up 4 percent from the 480.7 million pounds in 2011. The value of **chickens sold** for slaughter was \$2.5 million in 2012, down 1 percent from 2011.

The **U.S.** combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2012 was \$38.1 billion, up 8 percent from \$35.3 billion in 2011. Of the combined total, 65 percent was from broilers, 21 percent from eggs, 14 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The **value of broilers** produced during 2012 was \$24.8 billion, up 8 percent from 2011. The total number of broilers produced in 2012 was 8.44 billion, down 2 percent from 2011. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2012 was 49.5 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2011.

**Value of all egg production** in 2012 was \$7.82 billion, up 7 percent from \$7.32 billion in 2011. Egg production totaled 92.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 91.9 billion eggs produced in 2011.

The **value of turkeys** produced during 2012 was \$5.44 billion, up 10 percent from the \$4.96 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2012 totaled 7.55 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 7.27 billion pounds produced in 2011.

The **value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2012 was \$79.0 million, down 3 percent from \$81.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2012 totaled 178 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.